Alaska Nontank Vessel
Spill Preparedness

ADEC Marine Vessels Section

Oil Discharge Prevention And Planning

What is required of a nontank vessel prior to entering Alaska waters?

What is a nontank vessel?

- In general, it is self-propelled and weighs over 400 gross registered tons.

- This can include

(but is not limited to):

- – Cruise Ships

- – Yachts

- – Cargo ships

- – Tugs

- – Fishing vessels and processors

What do nontank vessels need to meet Alaska's Spill Prevention and Response Regulations ?

- Regulated vessels that travel in Alaska waters must have on board:

- A State of Alaska Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (Plan) and

- A State of Alaska Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR)

- Contact the United States Coast Guard to find out what they require.

What is a Plan?

- The Plan provides ADEC and the Plan holder with information regarding what to do in case of an actual or potential discharge.

- It identifies:

- Emergency contact if ADEC needs to contact the vessel

- Emergency numbers the vessel will call in the event of a discharge

- Vessel particulars such as the amount of fuel on board

- Certification that Contractor services are in place and available to assist in a response

- These include services with clean-up contractors and an incident management team

What is a COFR?

- The Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR) certifies that the vessel has the financial ability to cover costs associated with a spill

- The amount of coverage needed depends on the type and volume of fuel on board

How does ADEC verify vessels have a Plan and COFR?

Cargo ship inspection

- Unannounced inspections

- Review vessel traffic reports against ADEC's list of approved vessels

Cruise ship inspection

Nontank Incidents

Photo: United States Coast Guard

Alaska Marine Hwy. M/V LeConte grounding

M/V Cougar Ace

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